SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5238**

1			9					
8	2	5		7	4		6	
	6	9						
		8		2	9			
		6	1		7	8		
3			5			7		
4			2		3		7	8
2							9	
				1			2	

TRICKY **B5238**

			1					
						7		
8	2	1				6		
		3				5		
				7				9
4		6	2	9			7	
6	9		4					5
	8		9		1		6	
		7				4		

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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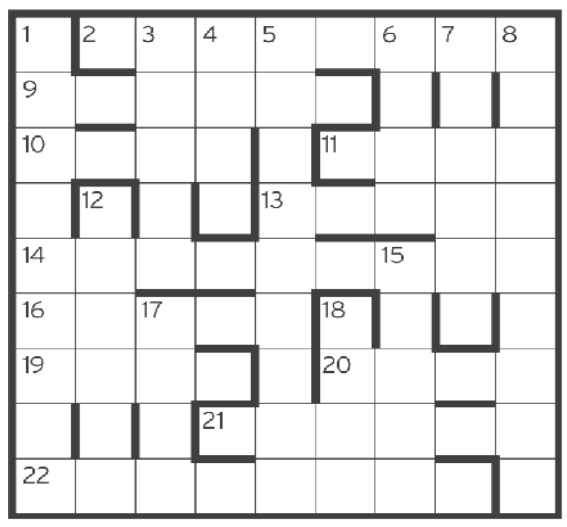
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

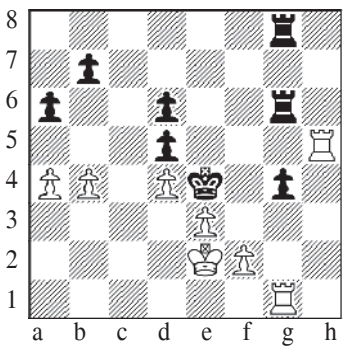
2 Lively or courageous (8)
9 Small piece of food (6)
10 Rugby player (4)
11 Biblical shipbuilder (4)
13 Pool of money (5)
14 Joey drove (anag.) (9)
16 The press, TV, etc. (5)
19 Stopper (4)
20 Notion (4)
21 Totally quiet (6)
22 Improbable (8)



DOWN

1 Spontaneous (9)
3 Exploratory spacecraft (5)
4 Guessing game (1,3)
5 Capital of Iceland (9)
6 Steady brisk pace (4)
7 Euphoric (6)
8 Remove water from (9)
12 _ Waugh, novelist (6)
15 Call, Swiss-style (5)
17 Having two parts (4)
18 African river (4)

CHESS



WHITE TO PLAY

HINT: FORCE CHECKMATE.

Solution:
1. Rxg4ch! Rxg4 2. f3 mate!
[from Ward-Farndon 1999].

TARGET

N	O	M
T	L	E
T	A	L

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 25;

Very good 38;

Excellent 50 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

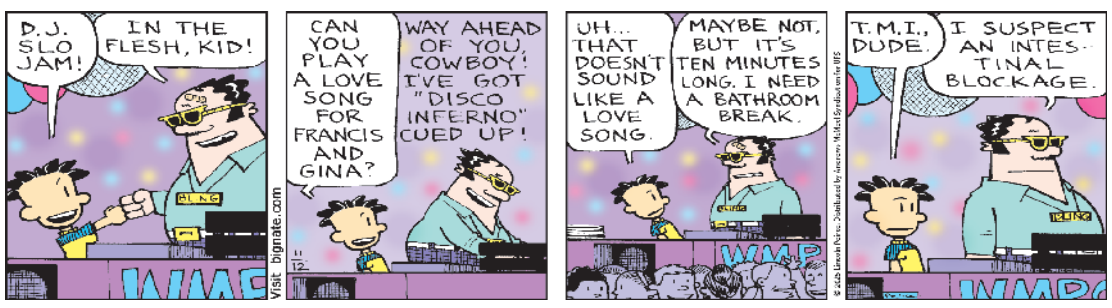
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

UNTENABLE

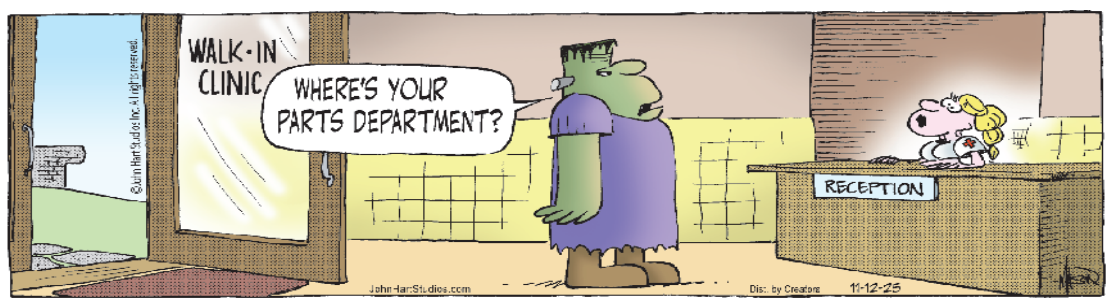
abut annul annulet aunt beau beaut blue blunt bunt butane eluant eluent eluate elute lunate lute nebula tabu tuba tubal tube tuna tunable tune tuneable tunnel ulna unable unbeaten unbelt unbent uneaten unlet UNTENABLE

THE METRO FUNNIES

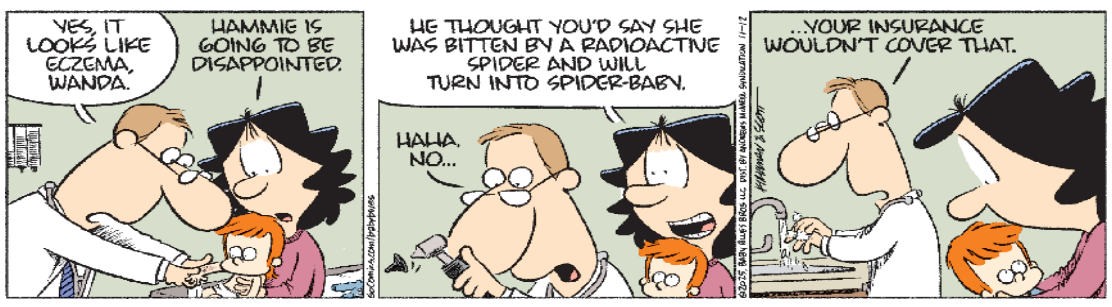
BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE


D.J. SLO JAM!
IN THE FLESH, KID!
CAN YOU PLAY A LOVE SONG FOR FRANCIS AND GINA?
WAY AHEAD OF YOU, COWBOY! I'VE GOT "DISCO INFERNO" CUED UP!
UH... THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A LOVE SONG.
MAYBE NOT, BUT IT'S TEN MINUTES LONG. I NEED A BATHROOM BREAK.
T.M.I., DUDE.
I SUSPECT AN INTESTINAL BLOCKAGE.
Visit bignate.com

THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES


YES, IT LOOKS LIKE ECZEMA, WANDA.
HAMMIE IS GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED.
HE THOUGHT YOU'D SAY SHE WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER AND WILL TURN INTO SPIDER-BABY.
HAHA. NO...
...YOUR INSURANCE WOULDN'T COVER THAT.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:40pm	05:10pm	05:47pm	05:08pm	05:15pm	05:43pm
Sunrise	06:41am	06:34am	06:45am	06:26am	06:41am	06:51am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	12	28	Sunny	59	12	28	Sunny		12	28	Sunny
Hyderabad	15	32	Sunny	42	14	32	Sunny		13	32	Sunny
Islamabad	10	25	Sunny	50	10	25	Sunny		10	25	Sunny
Lahore	12	27	Sunny	50	12	27	Sunny		12	27	Sunny
Multan	13	28	Sunny	59	12	29	Sunny		12	29	Sunny
Peshawar	9	26	Sunny	51	9	25	Sunny		9	24	Sunny
Quetta	2	16	Sunny	34	3	18	Mostly Sunny		4	18	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD

RETAIN

(RETAIN: rih-TANE: To keep in possession or use.)

Average mark 18 words
Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 19 or more words in RETAIN?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — ANALYZED

adze	zany
analyze	zeal
nyala	elan
lade	eland
laden	dale
lady	daze
land	deal
lane	dean
laze	delay
lazy	deny
lead	
lean	
lend	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

METRO EVENTS

PLAYS

Kheltey Raho, an absurd play written and directed by Sameena Nazeer, is staged as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 1, Arts Council of Pakistan at 8pm.

Art, a comedy play directed by Paras Masroor, is organised as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 1, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 8:30pm.

SEMINAR

Iqra University, North campus, organises a seminar on 'Journey of Exploring the Psychophysiology of Stress and Recovery in Physical Therapy' at its Seminar Room, 3rd Floor, at 2pm.

SESSION

An awareness session on 'Pearson PTE' is organised at Indus University, main auditorium, at 11am.

CAMP

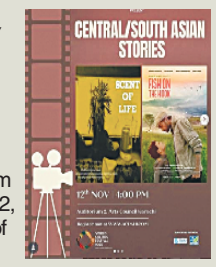
A stress awareness camp on 'Mind Mosaic: Exploring the Layers of Self' is organised by Iqra University, Gulshan campus at Block-7, Room 201, at 10am.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition of works by Adeeluz Zafar is underway at Canvas Gallery. Titled *overrated vs. underrated*, the show will continue till Nov 20, daily from 11am to 7pm, excluding Sunday.

FILM

Screening of films *Central / South Asian Stories* is organised as part of the World Culture Festival at 4pm at Auditorium 2, Arts Council of Pakistan.



HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** You're eager to explore new ideas today. One great option will be to look into the past for information you want, because Mercury retrograde will help you. You might learn from history. Likewise, you might be interested in making travel plans. If so, choose places you've been before. Tonight: Get organized.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

*** Disputes about shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances might arise today, especially if you're rehashing old business. You are clever and skilled at defending your financial welfare. So, no worries there. Be diplomatic with others. Tonight: Good times.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** Discussions with partners, spouses and close friends will be lively today. Possibly, you'll be pushed into a defensive position. (Or the reverse.) Either way, go gently. Focus on being productive, especially because working with others will be mutually beneficial. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** You're ambitious to accomplish a lot today, which is why this will be a work hard-party hard day. Oh yes, you want to socialize, especially because romantic vibes are so promising. Be careful about working so hard that you shame others. They're not as motivated as you. Tonight: Talk to others.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Parents should be gentle with their kids today -- no matter what age -- because it's easy to be strident and bossy, especially when dealing with a past issue that has recurred again. Don't go on a warpath. Cut others some slack. Show your compassion. Tonight: Check your money.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

*** You might be vigorous in your approach to doing home repairs today. Likewise, this same vigor might apply to your style of talking to family members, which could lead to an argument. Lighten up. Don't look like you're spoiling for a fight. However, you can stand up for your beliefs. There's a difference. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** You are a skilled debater, and today you have tremendous intellectual and mental energy, which means you can work with your mind much longer than usual and accomplish more. However, you also might use this mental energy to create an argument or defend your position. Relax. Keep things light. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** You are still empowered with the Sun and Venus in your sign, which is why others will listen to you today. In turn, you have strong opinions about financial matters, purchases or your salary. In particular, you might be concerned about a past issue. Diplomacy will get you the best results. Tonight: Be friendly.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Today Mercury is lined up with fiery Mars in your sign, which can make you take yourself too seriously. You also might be irritable about trivial things, or find yourself acting defensively when there's nothing really at stake. It's crazy, but it's true. Tonight: You're noticed.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** You have a wonderful mindset today to delve into the past, or research history, and look for answers to questions and solutions to problems. You also might be digging for a particular piece of information. Whatever the case, you will likely find what you're looking for. Tonight: Explore!

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** Discussions with a friend or a group will be intense today. You might be so convinced about espousing your ideas that either you or they will feel defensive. Speaking louder doesn't make people listen. In fact, people always strain to hear a whisper. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

*** Tread carefully today, because you might be too mouthy when talking to parents, bosses or VIPs, including the police. It's true; you have lots of mental energy and you want to express your ideas. However, others might perceive this as an ego trip. Could be. Tonight: Cooperate.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

The hidden power of a pass

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 5 2
♥ Q 8
♦ Q 9 4
♣ 9 8 7 5 3

WEST
♠ K 7 6
♥ 10 7 6 5 4
♦ 10 6
♣ A Q 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 9 8 4 3
♥ --
♦ J 2
♣ K J 10 6

SOUTH
♠ --
♥ A K J 9 3 2
♦ A K 8 7 5 3
♣ 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
4 ♠	5 ♥	5 ♠	Dble
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	

Opening lead -- ace of clubs.

One of the hardest words in bridge to say, it seems, is "pass." There is no way of knowing how many thousands of points are lost, hand after hand, as a result of the injudicious use of bids other than pass when the latter action is called for.

Consider this deal, from a tournament, where West failed to utter the magic word. The bidding began when East, taking advantage of the favorable vulnerability, opened with four spades.

This posed a difficult problem for South. Certainly, he had to bid something with his fine hand, but the question of what to bid was not easy to answer. He didn't need much from his partner to make a slam, but he was afraid to jump to six hearts or six diamonds for fear he might choose the wrong suit.

So, he overcalled with five hearts, hoping he'd get a chance to name diamonds later. This turned out to be the case when West bid five spades, and South then properly overrode his partner's double to bid six diamonds. West passed, and North, seeking the maximum score, corrected to six hearts. When this rolled around to West, he chose to double instead of pass.

West led the ace of clubs and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed and led a low heart. After West played low, South, mindful of the double, finessed the eight, correctly deciding that West had all five missing trumps. The rest was easy, and South made the slam after drawing West's remaining trumps.

It is possible that declarer would have finessed the eight anyway, but the double drew a diagram for South that could hardly be misread. West should have been satisfied with defending the six-heart contract and maintained a stoic silence.

Tomorrow: Taking the long view.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1 Surrogate
7 Unhurt
9 Iced
10 Niche
12 Iris
13 Camembert
14 Aver
16 Siren
18 Rile
19 Stilts
20 Pheasants.

DOWN

1 Suitcase
2 Rhea
3 Rudder
4 Ornaments
5 Arc
6 T-shirt
8 Restless
11 Lavish
12 Iberia
15 Kiln
17 Roe.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5237

9	2	7	4	6	5	1	8	3
8	5	4	9	3	1	7	6	2
6	3	1	8	2	7	5	9	4
4	7	8	3	1	6	9	2	5
1	6	3	5	9	2	4	7	8
5	9	2	7	4	8	6	3	1
7	1	6	2	5	3	8	4	9
3	4	5	6	8	9	2	1	7
2	8	9	1	7	4	3	5	6

Tricky — B5237

6	1	5	4	2	8	3	7	9
9	3	4	5	7	1	8	2	6
8	2	7	9	3	6	4	5	1
1	4	2	7	9	3	5	6	8
7	5	8	6	1	2	9	3	4
3	6	9	8	5	4	2	1	7
4	9	3	1	6	5	7	8	2
5	7	1	2	8	9	6	4	3
2	8	6	3	4	7	1	9	5